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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 June 2009.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13, 16, 17 and 19-46 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13, 16-17, and 19-46 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claim1-13, 16-17, and 19-46 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Objections

Claim19-21 is objected to because of the following informalities: The claims are depending on canceled calim18. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim1-13,16-17,19-22,26-29,31-37,39-46 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Porter et al (Patent No US 6,337,947) and Nakaya et al (pub No US 2001/0012436), and further in view of Ellis et al (Pub No US 2008/0184297) and Hassell et al (Pub No US 2003/0149980).

Regarding claim1, 25,32,43,46, Porter et al (hereinafter Porter) teaches a method comprising: receiving a video stream at an information handling system at a first

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rate, wherein the video stream is a broadcast video stream (see figure1 source signal and column3 line181-20); editing at least a portion of the video stream at the information handling system to generate an edited video stream, wherein the editing is based on editing characteristic(see figure1, column2 line 29-44, and column3 line14-26) ;wherein editing occurs in real-time relative to a user's perspective of receiving the video stream (see figure1); and a user action that modified the video stream(see column2 line 29-44, edited or censored to the users desired setting) but does not teach recording the edited video stream for subsequent playback, the subsequent playback in response to a user request. However Nakaya et al (hereinafter Nakaya) teaches recording real time edited content and playback in response to a user request (see paragraph 0034, editing section 132 edits the audio video, record on and reproduce from the hard disk 14).

One of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would have been motivated to record the edited video stream as in Nakaya in to Porter because it would allow the user to watch in later time.

Porter teaches the editing characteristics based on information of a source of the video stream (see column2 line 29-44, content provider). Ellis teaches editing based on program channel (station logo) (see paragraph 0238). Hassell et al teaches editing using television program guide (see claim41, 93).

One of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would have been motivated to edit video based on program channel as in Ellis or based on television program guide as in Hassell because it would make the system much versatile to perform editing based on different characteristics.

Regarding claim2, Porter teaches the method of claim1, wherein the editing information is source of video stream (see column2 line 29-44, content provider).

Regarding claim3, Ellis teaches the method of claim2, wherein the information is station logo (see paragraph 0238, program channel).

Regarding claim4, Porter teaches the method of claim1, wherein the information received separately from the video stream (see column2 line27-31).

Regarding claim5, Hassell teaches the method of Claim 4, wherein the information received separately from the video stream is television guide information (see claim41, 93; television program guide).

Regarding claim6, Porter teaches the method of claim1, wherein the information is based on a user action that modified the video stream (see column2 line27-31, column5 line4-9).

Regarding claim7, see the teaching of Porter and Nakaya above. Both do not teach user action being changing channel. However it is old and well known in the art to edit video based on channel selected. Therefore official notice is taken.

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One of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would have been motivated to edit video based on channel selected because it would make editing much effective.

Regarding claim8, 33, Porter teaches the method of claim1, wherein the editing includes applying special effect to the video stream (see column2 line31-39).

Regarding claim9,34, Porter teaches the method of claim8, wherein the special effect includes one or more of removing a log, implementing a page turning special effect, implementing a fading effect, removing noise, selection of noise filtering, and selection of quality filtering(see column2 line27-34).

Regarding claim10, 35-36, Nakaya teaches the method of claim1, wherein the recording occurs in real-time relative to the user's perspective of the receiving video stream (see paragraph 0034).

Regarding claim11, Porter teaches the method of claim1, further comprising: displaying the video stream in real time relative to a user's perspective of receiving the video stream (see column2 line27-34).

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Regarding claim12, Porter teaches the method of claim1, further comprising: displaying the edited video stream in real time relative to a user's perspective of receiving the video stream (see column2 line27-34).

Regarding claim13, Porter teaches the method of claim1, wherein the editing characteristics are user programmable (see column5 line4-9).

Regarding claim16-17, 31, 41, Porter teach the method of claim1, further comprising: wherein the editing characteristics are based on a source of the video stream (see column2 line27-34).

Regarding claim19-22, see the teaching of Porter and Nakaya above. Both do not teach editing options based of different characteristics. However it is old and well known in the art editing audio video based on different characteristics of audio video. Therefore official notice is taken.

One of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would have been motivated to edit audio video based on different characteristics of audio video in Porter because it would make editing different audio video easier.

Regarding claim26, Porter teaches the method of Claim 25, wherein the plurality of predefined editing options comprises special effect options (see column2 line 31-39).

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Regarding claim27, Porter teaches the method of Claim 26, wherein the special effect options includes one or more of removing a logo, implementing a page turning special effect, implementing a fading effect, removing noise, selection of noise filtering, and selection of quality filtering (see column2 line 31-39).

Regarding claim28, see the teaching of Porter and Nakaya above. Both do not teach editing option comprising implementing a page turning effect. However it is old and well known to use page turning effect. Therefore official notice is taken.

One of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would have been motivated to use page turning effect in Porter because it would make transition from one scene to next more interesting to the user.

Regarding claim29, Porter teaches the method of claim 25, wherein the plurality of predefined editing options comprises implementing a fading effect (see column2 line 31-39).

Regarding claim37, Porter teaches the method of claim32, wherein the utilizing comprises displaying the edited video stream (see column2 line64-column3 line13).

Regarding claim 39, Porter teaches the method of claim32, wherein editing comprises modifying the video stream based on selected editing options (see figure3 step 74 and 78 specifically).

Regarding claim40, Porter teaches the method of Claim 32, further comprising: determining the selected editing options based upon user input (see, column2 line31-39, column5 line4-9).

Regarding claim42, Porter teaches the method of Claim 39, wherein the editing further comprises: determining a characteristic of the video stream; and selecting the selected editing options based on the characteristic (see figure1 and column3 line 14-26)

Regarding claim44, Porter teaches the editing system of Claim 43, further comprising: a user interface configured to receive user input (see figure2 element 60); and an edit control module coupled to the user interface (see figure2 element 22), the edit options database (figure2 element 58), and the video graphics module, the edit control module configured to select another set of predefined editing options based on the user input (see figure1 and 2; column2 line20-63).

Regarding claim45, Porter teaches the editing system of Claim 43, wherein the video stream is a broad cast video stream (see column3 line 18-20) and the video graphics module is configured to edit the video stream in real-time as the video stream is received (see column2 line 24-31).

Claim23-24,38 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Porter et al (Patent No US 6,337,947) , Nakaya et al (Pub No US 2001/0012436) , Ellis

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et al (Pub No US 2008/0184297) and Hassell et al (Pub No US 2003/0149980) as applied to Claim1-2, 4, 6-13, 16-17, 19-22, 26-29, 31-37, 39-46 above, and further in view of Linnartz et al (Patent No 7,336,712).

Regarding claim23, 24, see the teaching of Porter and Nakaya above. Both do not teach modifying a predetermined location of an image of the video stream. However Linnartz et al (hereinafter Linnartz) teaches receiver modifying a predetermined location of an image (removing logo from an image) (see column1 ine32-38).

One of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would have been motivated to modify an image as in Linnartz in to Porter because it would allow the user to replace it with information related to the content (see Linnartz column1 line32-38).

Regarding claim38, see the teaching of see Porter and Nakaya above. Both do not teach video stream being streaming video. However it is old and well known in the art to receive streaming video to edit and store. Therefore official notice is taken.

One of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would have been motivated to receive streaming video to edit in Porter system because streaming video is widely used method of delivering video stream.

Claim30 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Porter et al (Patent No US 6,337,947) , Nakaya et al (Pub No US 2001/0012436) ,Ellis et al (Pub

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No US 2008/0184297) and Hassell et al (Pub No US 2003/0149980) as applied to Claim 1-2, 4, 6-13, 16-17, 19-22, 26-29, 31-37, 39-46 above, and further in view of Matsui et al (Pub No US 2003/0086686).

Regarding claim 30, see the teaching of Porter and Nakaya above. Both do not teach editing option comprises noise removal option. However Matsui et al teaches editing option comprises noise removal option (see Paragraph 0434).

One of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would have been motivated to remove noise as in Matsui in Porter system because it would improve the quality of the content.

Therefore, the invention as a whole would have been prima facie obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made, absent unexpected results to the contrary.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within

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TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to GIRUMSEW WENDMAGEGN whose telephone number is (571)270-1118. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30-5:00, M-F, alr Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tran Thai can be reached on (571)272-7382. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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